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## The Library Freedom Act

**Libraries have the freedom to acquire their collections.**

**Libraries have the freedom to circulate  
materials in their collections.**

**Libraries guarantee the privacy of their patrons.**

**Libraries oppose any type of censorship.**

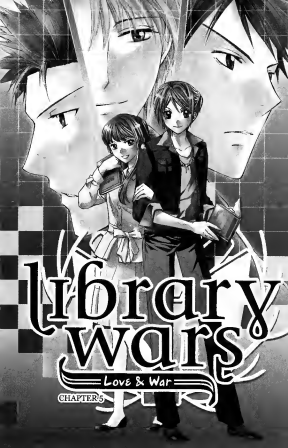
**When libraries are imperiled,  
librarians will join together  
to secure their freedom.**







library  
warfare

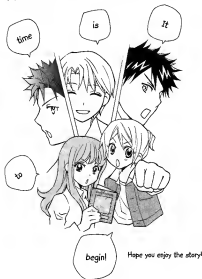


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CHAPTER 5

# Library Wars LOVE & WAR 2





Let's BABANUKI!



Battle for  
the last three  
steamed buns!



1.





SERGEANT  
MIKIHISA KOMAKI

LIBRARY TASK FORCE  
ASST. CAPTAIN, TEAM DOJO



NONE OF  
MY SHOTS  
MISSED THE  
PAPER!

I DID IT,  
INSTRUCTOR  
KOMAKI!



ALL YOUR  
SHOTS...



...  
COMPLETELY  
MISSED  
THE  
TARGET!



SERGEANT  
AISUSHI DOJO

LIBRARY TASK FORCE  
CAPTAIN, TEAM DOJO



Maybe  
you  
shouldn't  
be  
as  
competi-  
tive

Um...  
So  
bun-  
ding

The  
year  
is  
Seika  
31.

Books  
are  
being  
hunted  
every  
day.

I enlisted in  
the Library  
Forces to  
protect  
those books.



WHY  
DO YOU  
ALWAYS  
HAVE TO  
BE SO  
WRIST?

IF I JUST  
PRACTICE  
TWICE AS  
MUCH...

BULLETS  
DON'T  
GROW  
ON TREES.

WE CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO LET YOU  
WASTE  
TWICE AS  
MANY.  
Our budget  
is tight.

LOOK  
OVER  
THERE!  
TEZUKA'S  
GOING TO  
SHOOT!

LEARN  
WHAT YOU  
CAN FROM  
SOMEONE  
WHO CAN  
HIT THE  
TARGET.

**CORPORAL  
HIKARU TEZUKA**

LIBRARY TASK FORCE  
TEAM DOJO

As  
for  
me...

I've been  
handpicked to  
join the Library  
Task Force,  
an elite defense  
unit.

My duties  
and training  
keep me  
very busy.

Every day  
brings a new  
challenge.

BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM

The tension  
between  
the libraries  
and the  
Media  
Betterment  
Committee  
continues to  
mount.

This  
was the  
beginning  
of the  
war.

The Media  
Betterment  
Act gave the  
national  
government  
the authority  
to exercise  
censorship over  
all media.

To protect access  
to the free press,  
local governments  
expanded the  
Library Freedom  
Act to categorically  
oppose any type  
of censorship.

One set of  
laws denies free  
expression,  
and the other  
will do anything  
to protect it.

MEDIA BETTERMENT  
COMMITTEE

LIBRARY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT



STORY BY M. H. L. L. L. L. L.



TEQUILA  
SEEMED...

...A BIT  
OFF  
YESTERDAY.

STACK  
ROOM





I still  
can't  
under-  
stand  
him.

BY  
THE  
WAY.

ANOTHER  
BOOK IS  
MISSING.

Sometimes  
—he's an  
obnoxious  
brute and  
other times all  
sweet and  
charming.



THAT  
HIS GOT  
TO BE THE  
FIRST TIME  
I'VE SEEN  
HIM MISS A  
SHOT.

HEY!

THAT BOOK  
DIDN'T  
BELONG  
THERE.

HEY!

TRY TO  
PERFORM  
YOUR OWN  
DUTIES  
PROPERLY  
BEFORE  
YOU  
CRITICIZE  
OTHERS.



HUH?

I GUESS  
I HATE  
YOU  
TODAY.

WE'RE YES.  
CONFIDENT  
IT HAS  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH  
YOUR LACK  
OF ABILITY.

I hate him one  
day, and it's  
totally different  
the next day.

Intensely  
disappointed

What?

Again?



WAIT.  
BE CAREFUL  
IN HERE.

I've got  
to finish the  
paperwork.

FORGET  
IT!

TMP TMP



Jerk!



I don't  
make  
any mistakes  
like that

I speak  
the truth  
truth!



YOU'LL  
PROBABLY  
KNOCK  
SOMETHING  
OVER AND GET  
A CONCUSSION.  
WE CAN'T HAVE  
YOU GETTING  
MORE BRAIN  
DAMAGE.

THE ROOM  
IS PACKED  
TO THE  
CEILING  
WITH ALL  
SORTS OF  
STUFF.





CORPORAL  
ASAKO  
SHIBAZAKI

YEAH.  
YEAH...  
I HEARD  
YOU...

ARE YOU  
LISTENING,  
SHIBA-  
ZAKI??

You  
Pussy?  
HE  
MAKES  
ME SO  
MAD.

HE IS  
JUST  
PLAIN  
MEAN!



THOSE  
MISSING  
BOOKS!



BUT NOT  
BY CHOICE.  
NOW COME  
YOU CAN'T  
RESPECT  
SUCH AN  
AMAZING  
MAN?



Anyway  
SOMETHING  
HAS BEEN  
BUGGING  
ME...

	A	B
1		
2		
3	LIST OF MISSING BOOKS	
4		
5	AUTHOR	TITLE
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

TEN  
BOOKS  
IN  
TOTAL...

THAT  
MANY?

Books  
don't  
just  
disap-  
pear...



There are anti-  
theft devices to  
prevent people  
from taking books  
from the library  
without checking  
them out first.

It's only  
been a  
month  
since  
the  
overhaul.

AAAA?

I'LL  
CHECK  
IT OUT  
MYSELF.

SHIBAZAKI

1

\*

Hello  
I'm Kira Yuri  
Welcome to the  
second volume of  
Library Wars: Love  
& War, and thank  
you for picking up  
this book.

I feel like it was  
yesterday that  
volume I came out  
Time flies...

I've had a great  
deal of fun in the  
past few months,  
and for that I am  
truly thankful to  
many people.

Anyway,  
here's the  
new volume.  
I hope you  
enjoy it.





THERE'S  
ANOTHER  
CLERK  
WITH  
ME.

HE  
WENT  
OUT TO  
GET A  
SNACK.  
HE'LL BE  
BACK ANY  
MINUTE.

OKAY,  
THEN.  
DON'T STAY  
TOO LONG.



WORKING  
OVERTIME?



Mr.  
Tobias...

HEH  
HEH,  
NO.

What's  
he doing in  
the stock  
room at  
this hour?

ARE YOU  
HERE  
ALL  
ALONE?



I'VE  
RECEIVED  
A REPORT  
FROM THE  
BOARD OF  
EDUCATION.

Wait,  
I got it.

LIST OF ME  
THOR



THERE'S NO SUCH  
THING AS A CONVE-  
NIENT COINCIDENCE.

SOMEONE  
IS UP TO  
NO GOOD.

HHMM?



THESE  
BOOKS  
ARE  
OFFEN-  
SIVE!

DON'T YOU  
THINK WE  
SHOULD  
KEEP THEM  
OFF THE  
SHELVES?!

AS I  
KEEP  
TRYING  
TO  
REMINO  
YOU...

...ARTICLE 31  
CLEARLY  
STATES THAT  
WE HAVE THE  
FREEDOM TO  
CIRCULATE  
MATERIALS  
IN OUR  
COLLECTIONS.  
WE MUST  
OPPOSE  
THIS  
SORT OF  
CENSOR-  
SHIP!







EXCUSE ME, INSTRUCTOR KOWAKI...  
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT...?

TELL ME?

I'M SURPRISED YOU CAME TO SEE ME INSTEAD OF DODO.

SURE...  
C'MON IN.



WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...?

He is so gloomy...







"SO  
WHAT  
KIND OF  
PERSON  
ARE  
YOU?"

"YOU  
MIGHT  
BE  
RIGHT..."

"...BUT IT'S  
NOT RIGHT  
TO ATTACK  
HER."



YOU  
KNOW...

...

LOOK  
AT IT  
THIS  
WAY...

ROSO  
AND I  
RECOMMEND  
THAT YOU  
ACCEPT HER  
FOR WHO  
SHE IS.



BUT THAT  
WOULD DO  
ANYTHING  
TO FIX  
YOUR  
PROBLEM,  
WILL IT?



HMM?

BUT  
HONESTLY,  
WHAT DO  
LOVE AND  
HATE  
MATTER IN  
THIS JOB?

SURE,  
IT'D BE NICE  
IF YOU TWO  
LEARNED TO  
GET ALONG.

WELL,  
I THINK YOU  
CAN STILL  
HATE HER  
WITHOUT BEING  
NEGLECTFUL OF  
YOUR DUTIES.

Why  
did I  
come to  
him...?

What did I  
hope to  
accomplish  
by coming  
here?

Why...





I'M NOT  
NICE TO  
JUST  
ANYONE.

I  
RESPECT  
HONESTY.

And  
that  
means...



He's  
calm and  
rational.

I thought he  
could help me  
understand  
Kasahara.



But  
he is  
no  
better  
than  
Dojo.

LISTEN.



SHAM-  
EARY  
WELCOME  
BACK.



RACKING  
UP THE  
OVERTIME,  
EH?



KABA-  
HARA!

GET  
YOUR  
TASK  
FORCE  
ASSEM-  
BLED!

THE  
INSTRUCTORS  
TOO.  
THIS IS  
IMPORTANT!  
HURRY!



HUH?



am the  
spoiled  
child.



SHIBAZAKI TO  
MAJOR GENDA

don't  
go

Tanaka  
is...

...creepy!

Oh  
geeze!

WHY THE  
SECRET  
MEETING,  
SHIBAZAKI?

SO...

MAJOR RYUSUKE GENDA  
or  
COMMANDING OFFICER,  
LIBRARY TASK FORCE



AS  
I  
WAS  
SAYING...

He looks like a  
zombie but  
she talks like  
Mr. Perfect!

SHIBAZAKI  
FROM THE  
LIBRARY  
DEPARTMENT.  
SHE SHOULD  
REPORT TO HER OWN  
SUPERIOR.



I'M AFRAID  
THE SITUATION  
IS DIRE, SIR.  
I NEEDED TO ALERT A  
SUPERIOR.

YES,  
SIR.

I  
HAD TO  
OFFER, SIR



The Library Freedom Act: Article 31



Libraries have the freedom to circulate materials in their collections.

THE 15 BOOKS THAT HAVE GONE MISSING IN THE PAST MONTH ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON.



THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE...

...THAT TOSHIO TOBA, THE TEMPORARY HEAD LIBRARIAN, IS VIOLATING ARTICLE 31.



I HAD TO CIRCUMVENT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND BECAUSE THIS COULD BE COVERED UP BEFORE YOU GUYS GET A CHANCE TO FIX IT.

ARE YOU GOING TO GO AND TATTLE ON ME, MR. PERFECT?



ANYWAY, BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND.

YOU CAN'T WIN A GUERRILLA WAR BY MEMORIZING THE RULE BOOK.

YOU SHOULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN YOUR THINKING, PAL!

SHIBAZAKI IS MEMOR-LESS!

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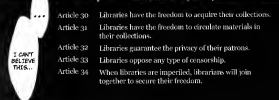




## Library Freedom Act Chapter 4



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The Library Freedom Act is what allows us to fight...

CENSORSHIP  
IN THE  
LIBRARY?

HOW  
COULD IT  
HAPPEN  
HERE??

LET'S  
GO AND  
GET  
HIM.

NOT SO  
FAST,  
THERE.

IT'S BEYOND  
REPROACH.

...for the right to read!

LEAVE IT  
TO ME.  
I'LL TALK  
TO THE  
COMMANDER.

WE CAN  
ALSO ISSUE A  
COMPLAINT  
TO TOBA TO LET  
HIM KNOW  
THAT WE'RE  
WATCHING  
HIM...

EASY,  
KASA-  
HARA.

WE DON'T  
NEED MORE  
OF THAT.  
IT ALL POINTS  
TO HIM!

EVIDENCE  
...?

WE  
DON'T  
HAVE  
ENOUGH  
EVIDENCE  
YET.

GIVEN THE  
KIND OF  
PERSON  
TOBA IS,  
WE SHOULD  
TREAD  
CAREFULLY.

STACK  
ROOM

THAT'S  
ALL WE  
CAN DO  
AT THE  
MOMENT.

We are  
supposed  
to be...

GR  
RR  
RR



CHILL OUT  
ALREADY.  
IT'S  
MORNING.

Gen...

We  
need  
to do  
some-  
thing!

REMINDS  
YOU OF  
SOMEONE,  
DOESN'T  
IT? ♡

SHE'S  
THE PAS-  
SIONATE  
TYPE.

...heroes.

I'm  
talking  
a  
break





...

W6  
B6  
F

IF THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
YOU WANT  
TO SAY,  
SAY IT  
NOW.

HUH?

CLANK



OH!

Hey  
there

WHY  
DO YOU  
PUT ME  
THROUGH  
THIS...?

...at  
all!

Odd.

That  
didn't...

...hurt...

...SWEEP  
THE FLOOR  
WITHOUT  
MAKING A  
SCENE?

NAH, IT  
HURTS!

CAN'T  
YOU  
FEELS...

...EVEN  
HARMAGE  
TO...

HHH  
I'M SO  
SORRY,  
SIR...

AND  
TEZUKA.

YOUR  
BIG  
MOUTH  
IS TO  
BLAME.  
SHUT  
IT!

WHAT?  
THIS  
IS MY  
FAULT?

KASA-  
HARA,  
SWEEP!



You got that?

Now polish the floor!

THIS IS ABOUT SOMETHING DOJO SAID TO YOU, ISN'T IT?



OKAY, LISTEN.



PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!



STAND UP STRAIGHT!

KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR DUTIES!





....JUST HOW  
MUCH THE  
CAPTAIN YOU  
ADMIRE CARES  
ABOUT HIS  
COLLEAGUES.

AND...

...HOW MUCH  
HE DOES  
FOR YOUR  
BENEFIT.

SO  
YOU  
KNEW.



HE SAID  
WHAT  
NEEDED  
TO BE  
SAID.

WHATEVER  
HE SAID,  
HE WASN'T  
PLAYING  
FAVORITES.



HE'S A  
FAIR MAN.



YOU'LL  
SOON FIND  
OUT FOR  
YOURSELF...



INSTRUCTORS  
KEEP THEIR  
EYES ON THEIR  
SUBORDINATES.  
THAT'S AN  
IMPORTANT  
PART OF THE  
JOB.



KNEW  
WHAT?

THAT  
THERE  
WAS  
SOMETHING  
TROUBLING  
TEZUKA.



WAIT,  
KASA-  
HARA.

HMM?



"YOU  
DID."

OUCH.

YOU  
NEVER  
LET UP,  
DO YOU?

ESPECIALLY  
WHEN  
THEY'RE AS  
POTENTIALLY  
DANGEROUS  
AS YOU TWO  
ARE!



HOLD  
STILL  
FOR A  
SEC.



ANOTHER  
WOUND.



Today...

WOMEN  
SHOULDN'T  
GET ALL  
SCRATCHED  
UP LIKE  
YOU DO.

LOOK  
AT  
YOU.

...I  
don't  
hate  
you...

...sir.

And...

...just  
when  
things  
seemed  
to settle  
down...

How  
could  
you!

THAT  
HURTS!  
YOU  
FUCKED  
A TENDER  
GROT!

SCRATCH  
THAT.  
YOU'RE  
NOT A  
WOMAN.



**PATROL  
UNITS  
HAVE  
ISSUED A  
WARNING!**

...the  
real  
trouble  
began!

**ARRANG**

**MEDIA  
BETTER-  
MENT  
COMMITTEE  
AGENTS  
SIGHTED  
ON THE  
PREMISES!**

**ARRANG**





This  
is...

...the first  
library raid  
by the  
MBC...

*EVERYBODY  
INTO  
POSITION!*

...since I  
enlisted in  
the Library  
Forces.



# CHAPTER 6





The Absence of Malice Only Makes It Worse!





HAVE YOU  
DELIVERED THE  
BOOKS TO THE HEAD  
LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE?  
THE ONES LISTED  
BY THE BOARD?

MISS  
SHIBAZAKI.

About  
30  
minutes  
ago...



Nothing.

WE ARE  
EXPECTING  
SOME  
PEOPLE  
FROM THE  
BOARD.



I'LL NEED  
THOSE BOOKS  
IN ORDER TO  
DEMONSTRATE  
THAT WE  
HAVEN'T  
ACCEPTED  
THE BAN.

I MEAN  
*EVERY*  
COPY.

EXCUSE ME,  
MR.  
TODA...?



WHAT  
HAPPENED?

...



I  
GOT IT.

CONSIDER  
IT DONE.

THE  
DEPUTY  
LIBRARIAN  
WILL BE  
THERE  
TOO...



THAT'S  
RIGHT.

**TRIP**



YOU  
DO  
THAT.

...a plan  
was set  
into  
motion.



YOU WANT  
EVERY  
COPY  
OF THE  
LISTED  
BOOKS...

...DELIVERED  
TO THE  
OFFICE ON  
THE FOURTH  
FLOOR.







In this  
age of  
book  
hunting...



...as a  
Task  
Force  
member.



My  
very  
first  
assign-  
ment...



REPEAT. **RAID!**



Tip Tip Tip  
EVERY-  
BODY  
INTO  
POSITION!



My  
first  
raid...



Books  
that they  
want  
banned.

...the  
MBC is  
here to  
attack  
books.

Anything that  
they perceive  
as morally  
offensive  
becomes the  
subject of  
their fierce  
attacks.

PEOPLE  
STILL  
IN THE  
BUILDING...

...MUST BE  
EVACUATED  
FROM THE  
PREMISES!

They  
hunt  
mercilessly  
in the  
name of  
*media  
betterment*.

Let go  
of it!  
Hurry  
up!

I  
want  
read  
this  
book!

REPEAT...

To us,  
all books  
are good  
books.

Whether  
they like  
it or not.

JOIN THE  
TEAM OUT  
FRONT.

COPY  
THAT!

TEZUKA!  
IS  
KAGISHIRA  
WITH  
YOU?

YES,  
SIR!



ENTER THE  
LOCKDOWN  
PASSWORD!  
SECURE  
THE  
TERMINALS!

THE  
STACK  
ROOM  
HAS BEEN  
SEALED!

OKAY,  
NOW GET  
OUT OF  
HERE!



THE  
SCHOOL  
BOARD IS  
HAVING A  
MEETING IN  
AN OFFICE  
UPSTAIRS!

THE  
MAD'S  
TARGETS  
ARE THE  
BASEMENT  
AND THE  
FIRST FLOOR.

DON'T  
WORRY,  
THE DEPUTY  
LIBRARIAN  
WILL ESCORT  
THEM OUT.

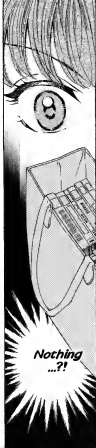
FIRST FLOOR - STUDENT ROOM  
BASEMENT - STOCK ROOM  
BOOKS ARE STORED ON THESE LEVELS



That's  
why we  
enlisted  
in the  
Library  
Forces!

We  
protect  
them!

Begin  
the  
Assault!



*Nothing  
...?!*



They've  
already  
begun...!

We've  
got to  
move  
fast...

?!



But  
why?

There's  
nothing  
upstairs.



MBC  
agents?

Going  
up?



*Library Wars  
Love & War* is  
my first book.  
I was staying  
at home on its  
release day,  
feeling rather  
fidgety.

It was four  
or five days  
later that I  
actually went  
to the bookstore  
and had a look...

I was planning to  
walk around the  
section, sneaking a  
look or two.

It was a rather  
uncomfortable  
experience.  
I left as quickly  
as I arrived...

It was not until  
recently that I was  
able to see  
the tankobon  
without feeling  
embarrassed.







IT'S THE  
HEAD  
LIBRARI-  
AN'S  
OFFICE!

TRUST  
ME!

SHE  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE CALLED  
IF SHE  
WASN'T  
SURE.



DAMN.



Shibazaki had  
delivered the  
books listed  
by the  
Board of  
Education to  
the office.  
All the copies  
were in one  
place!

WE'RE  
GOING  
TO THE  
HEAD  
LIBRARI-  
AN'S  
OFFICE!

WE'RE ON  
THE MOVE  
FOLLOWING  
A CLERK'S  
TIP!



INSTRUC-  
TOR DOJO!  
THIS IS  
TEZUKA,  
OVER.

**BAM**

LOOK!

YEAH...!  
SHE  
WAS  
RIGHT.

ONE  
OF THEM  
HAS A  
PACK  
ON HIS  
BACK.

IT MUST  
BE THE  
BOOKS!

Oh!

**BAM**  
**BAM**  
HE'S...  
RUNNING  
UPSTAIRS!

The  
books!

...according  
to what  
Shibazaki  
told me  
later.

The  
raid  
was  
only a  
distrac-  
tion...

**HEAD  
LIBRARIAN**

WE MUST  
MOVE  
QUICKLY.

THIS  
WAY,  
PLEASE.

And  
the raid  
began  
immedi-  
ately  
after.

The  
books  
were  
left  
in the  
office.

**BAM**

And  
she was  
spot-on.

That's what they  
were really after.  
The Board of Edu-  
cation and the MBC,  
they were in this  
together all along!



There was an autograph session when volume I came out.

I'm not big on being in front of a crowd, and I was freaking out..!

Later on, people from the publisher told me I was doing fine, but I'm not so sure.

I was a nervous wreck. I was having trouble holding back tears until I got to the third customer because I was so grateful. I was like a jellyfish.

Anyway, it was great being able to see everybody. Thank you so much for coming to see me!



We must get them back!

HE'S GOING TO RAPPEL DOWN!





We  
must...

OKAY,  
HERE'S  
THE PLAN.  
I'M GOING  
TO GO  
DOWN  
AND GRAB  
THE  
PACK!

COVER  
ME!



THEY'RE  
GOING  
TO  
GRAB  
IT...!

!!!

DAMN!

NO!



LOOK,  
YOU AND  
I BOTH  
KNOW THIS  
ISN'T YOUR  
STRONG  
SUIT!

WHAT  
...?

NO WAY!  
YOU'LL  
GET SHOT.  
I'M GOING.

WHA-



I'M  
COUNTING  
ON  
YOU.

BACK  
ME  
UP!





**BAM**

**KASA-  
HARA  
...!**

**BAM**

**BAM**

**DAMN  
IT!**

**BAM**

**DON'T  
GET  
SHOT  
...!**

**1SH**





I've  
got  
to  
run...

**BAM**



Ngh...

Hey  
SHE'S  
IN THE  
BUSHES!



I'm going  
to be  
caught...!

Uh

OH  
WELL...







HOLD  
STILL,  
YOU  
BLOCK-  
HEAD!



STAND  
DOWN,  
MEDIA  
BETTERMENT  
COMMITTEE!

!



INSTRUC-  
TOR  
DOUG!

The  
books  
are  
just  
well  
done

WHA...  
YOU  
SAVED  
ME  
AGAIN...  
I...

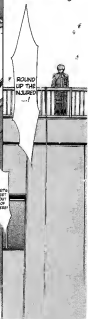
FIRST  
OFF.

STOP  
THINKING  
WITH YOUR  
GUTS.

Use your brain  
Like a human

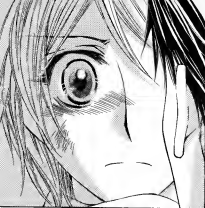


DAMN...  
FALL  
BACK...



ROUND  
UP THE  
INJURED

LET'S  
GET  
OUT  
OF  
HERE



...really  
upset.

He's...



He's  
being  
serious.

...



THAT'S  
A BIT  
RUDE...

JUST...  
PLEASE!

GRAB

IF YOU  
HAD TAKEN A  
MOMENT TO PLAN,  
TEZUKA WOULD  
HAVE DEMANDED  
BACKUP, AND  
I'D HAVE BEEN  
THERE IN  
A FLASH.  
TRY TO THINK  
AHEAD!

DON'T  
RUN OFF  
IN THE  
MIDDLE  
OF A  
GUN-  
FIGHT!







Dojo  
lectured  
me for  
a good  
hour.

Was it my  
imagization,  
or did he  
complement  
me toward  
the end..?

OM..

TEZUKA?



I THOUGHT  
YOU'D  
ALREADY  
LEFT...

YEAH.

your  
work  
today

Either way  
I was too  
frustrated to  
appreciate  
it...







CHAPTER 7

Komaki Discusses the Tender Moment:  
"Hold Still, You Blockhead"





THIS  
JUST  
IN.



WILL  
YOU  
GO OUT  
WITH  
ME,  
IKU?



3.

THE  
ALLEGED  
MURDERER  
IS A  
17-YEAR-OLD  
BOY LIVING  
IN TOKYO.

THE  
GRUESOME  
NATURE  
OF THESE  
HEINOUS  
CRIMES HAS  
ROCKED THE  
NATION.

THE POLICE  
HAVE JUST  
ARRESTED  
A SUSPECT  
IN A NUMBER  
OF RECENT  
MURDERS  
TARGETING  
YOUNG  
WOMEN.

THEY  
FINALLY  
MADE AN  
ARREST.

LATE-NIGHT  
SNACK

HMM?

THERE  
THEY  
GO  
AGAIN.  
IT'S  
ALMOST  
A GLOBE.

Putting the  
phone on  
beep!

IT'S PACKED  
WITH BOOKS,  
SOME WITH  
PRETTY  
GRAPHIC  
IMAGES...

WE HAVE  
FOOTAGE  
OF THE  
BOY'S  
ROOM.

"...GO  
OUT..."

"WILL  
YOU..."

WAIT.

IS  
THIS...

"...WITH  
ME,  
IKU?"

WHAT  
KIND OF  
JOKE IS  
THAT,  
SPIKY?

**BWAM**

WHAT'S  
ON YOUR  
MIND,  
DEAR?



JUST  
AN HOUR  
AGO.

AGO  
AGO

TEZUKA  
SAID  
WHAT...?

IT WAS  
SO OUT OF  
THE BLUE.  
I STILL  
CAN'T  
BELIEVE HE  
SAID THAT!

HE...  
ASKED...  
YOU...  
OUT...?!

Fall  
in love  
with  
you?

YOUR  
PRESENCE  
HERE  
IS AN  
INSULT  
TO ME.

NOT ONLY  
ARE YOU  
INCOMPETENT,  
YOU DON'T  
EVEN MAKE  
AN EFFORT!

AS FAR  
AS I CAN  
TELL,  
HE HAS  
ALWAYS  
HATED MY  
GUTS!

I MEAN,  
WHY THE  
SUDDEN  
CHANGE OF  
HEART?

WHAT  
MADE  
HIM...  
YOU  
KNOW...!

WHAT  
YOU JUST  
TOLD ME...  
I FIND  
THAT...

THAT...

Well

How  
can I  
put  
it?

Um...

...very entertaining...!♥





I'm absolutely clueless when it comes to matters of the heart.

**TAP TAP**

It's just a bother that never works out well for me!



SEVERAL ATTEMPTS MET THE SAME BAD RESULT

If I'm going to turn him down, what should I say?!



Sorry, I prefer girls shorter than me



**NO OAK**

Argh, I couldn't sleep.

UP ALL NIGHT THINKING

GOOD MORNING.



IT'S NOT!

THIS IS SERIOUS!

I BEG TO DIFFER! THIS IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF ENTERTAINING!

SO...? WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HIM?!

That I needed to sleep on it...

downward

Shut up







The Board of Education and the NBC were working together.

And Mr. Toba was involved.

At the moment, we don't have any hard evidence against him.

Um

INSTRUCTOR DOJO...?



Yesterday's raid left a few members injured.

All the books were safely recovered.



I was invited to observe a recording session for the animated version of *Library Wars*. I asked my editor for this opportunity because it would be the chance of a lifetime for me. It was wonderful watching the professional actors!

They weren't just blessed with beautiful voices, they were drop-dead gorgeous...

It was a great day for me. Thanks so much!

They're doing a great job, and it was very inspirational!

I love the anime version too.



**THE POLICE HAVE JUST ARRESTED A SUSPECT.**



It's like...

It's impossible  
to do everything  
perfectly.  
I know you  
have to learn  
to let certain  
things go.

But it's  
really  
hard.



Does that  
make me  
naive?



I  
guess...

Well...

...the higher-ups  
work hand in  
hand while  
keeping us in  
the dark.

All the  
plotting  
and hiding...

The  
grown-up  
stuff.



It's really  
frustrating.

ground



WE'VE  
BEEN  
THROUGH  
THIS  
BEFORE.

How  
do I  
undo  
it...?

ERR.  
I ORDERED A  
REQUEST FOR  
THE WRONG  
LIBRARY.

WHAT  
HAPPENED?

W-  
WAIT...!

THW

HELP  
HER  
OUT,  
TESUKA.

BUT...

IF YOU FIND  
YOURSELF  
HOPEFULLY UNABLE  
TO CLIMB OUT OF  
A PIT OF YOUR  
OWN FAILURE,  
ASK TESUKA TO  
SAVE YOUR BUTT.  
Please







SIR?

S...  
SORRY.

What  
am I  
doing?

IT'S  
NOTHING.  
I'LL ASK  
HIM.

OH...





# WEARY

I'M  
SORRY.

I'M  
GOING TO  
NEED MORE  
TIME...

IT'S  
JUST...  
I'M  
CONFUSED.

How  
come...

...I'm  
the one  
freaking  
out over  
this?

Good  
to be  
colder,  
can  
see it.

TAP

THAT'S  
OKAY.

WHY DON'T  
YOU GIVE HIM  
A CHANCE?  
IS THAT  
EVEN AN  
OPTION?

I  
don't  
get  
it.

How  
did  
this  
happen  
?

WELL,  
HE'S A  
DOWN-TO-  
EARTH KIND  
OF GUY.  
HE'LL TAKE  
GOOD  
CARE OF  
YOU.

Never  
returned  
to me!  
**HUH  
?!!**

WHAT?

Why?

THAT  
MEANS  
HE'S BEEN  
KEEPING  
AN EYE  
ON YOU  
FROM THE  
START.

YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
MEANT  
SOMETHING  
TO HIM.

For  
Good or  
Bad

AND...

POPULAR  
WITH  
GIRLS AS  
IT TURNS  
OUT.

HE'S  
TALL AND  
HANDSOME.

SOUNDS  
LIKE QUITE  
A NICE  
CATCH.

THAT  
IS...





...YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
ANYONE  
ELSE IN  
MIND.

IF...

There's...



...no  
one  
else.

HE  
WANTS  
TO GO  
OUT WITH  
HER.





IN  
THAT  
CASE...



ARE YOU  
INTERESTED  
IN ME,  
INSTRUCTOR  
DOJO?



I'LL BE  
VERY  
LOYAL AND  
TEND TO  
YOUR  
EVERY  
NEED!



YOU KNOW  
WHAT I DID?  
I GAVE HER A PUSH.  
TESUKA'S A GOOD GUY,  
LEVELHEADED  
AND EVERYTHING.  
HE GETS MY  
APPROVAL.



WHAT'S  
YOUR OPINION  
OF THIS RECENT  
DEVELOPMENT,  
INSTRUCTOR  
DOJO?



I MAY BE  
THEIR BOSS,  
BUT I'M NOT  
INTERESTED  
IN WHAT  
THEY DO IN  
PRIVATE.



IT'S THEIR  
DECISION  
TO MAKE,  
NOT MINE.

WHY  
ASK  
ME?



MUJASHINO MAIN LIBRARY



...



CRASH

SHE COULD  
FALL ASLEEP  
DURING A  
PLANE  
CRASH.

Lack of sleep is  
taking its toll.

WELL...  
IT IS  
BREAK  
TIME,  
I GUESS.

AND LIBRARY  
GUESTS  
AREN'T ABLE  
TO SEE YOU  
SLEEPING  
HERE.  
But...



...

There's...

...no  
one  
else.

FOR  
GOD'S  
SAKE...

...



IKU IS  
FLIPPING  
OUT!



W-  
WAIT...!

LEAVE  
ME OUT  
OF IT.



He is...

If...  
...there is  
some-  
one  
else...

Hey  
Wake  
up...

You  
should'n  
sleep  
here



But...

UH...

UH.



LOOK  
AT  
YOU.

SLEEPY-  
HEAD.

You  
got  
hair  
in  
your  
mouth



TMP



INSTRUCTOR DOJO...

ARE YOU  
INTERESTED  
IN ME?

**TAP**



UGH,  
THAT  
GUY...



I  
SEE.

YOU CAN'T BE  
BOTHERED  
TO FIGHT  
THEM OFF.  
I GUESS  
I'M NOT THAT  
ATTRACTIVE  
TO YOU.



I DON'T  
THINK I CAN  
TAKE THE  
COMPETITION.  
THERE ARE  
GOING TO  
BE A LOT OF  
JEALOUS  
MEN.



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WE'RE  
HERE.  
THE  
LIBRARY  
BASE.

KANTO  
LIBRARY  
BASE

I'VE  
BEEN A  
DETECTIVE  
FOR YEARS,  
BUT I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN  
HERE.

IT LOOKS  
KIND OF  
INTIMIDATING.  
I'M NERVOUS.



THIS IS NOT  
A PLACE FOR  
CURIOUS  
SOULS.



...OF THE  
TRAGEDY  
THAT HAPPENED  
20 YEARS AGO...  
*THE HINO  
NIGHTMARE.*

HE'S  
THE ONLY  
SURVIVOR...



THE MAN  
WE'RE  
GOING  
TO SEE...





LEGIBILITY ISN'T EVEN THE PROBLEM





## CHAPTER 8









Hino  
Public  
Library  
in Hino,  
Tokyo.

The  
legendary  
library was  
dedicated  
to serving  
locals and  
was once  
the most  
visited  
library  
in the  
nation.

The Hino  
Nightmare  
prompted  
the estab-  
lishment of  
the laws  
protecting  
libraries.



Instructor  
Dojo...?



...LIKE  
CENSORED  
BOOKS AND  
HORROR  
FILMS!

WE  
BELIEVE...

...THAT  
LIBRARIES  
SHOULD BE  
CONDEMNED FOR  
CIRCULATING  
MATERIALS  
HARMFUL TO  
SOCIETY...

Twenty  
years ago  
(Seika II)...

...the tragedy  
began.



At the time,  
the Library  
Forces  
weren't  
yet up and  
running.

To make  
things  
worse,  
the police  
were  
delayed  
for some  
reason.

An armed  
political  
group  
attacked  
the library.

The raid was  
intended to  
discourage free  
expression by  
destroying the  
symbolic Hino  
Library.





After the  
horrifying raid,  
the Hino Public  
Library  
evolved into an  
organization  
with self-  
defense  
capabilities.

There were  
allegations  
that the  
MBC was  
behind the  
violence.

The  
police  
investiga-  
tion was  
abruptly  
shut  
down.

We Know  
Nothing!

MBC

With the police's  
late arrival on  
the scene,  
it was rumored  
that the two  
organizations had  
conspired in the  
massacre.

Twelve  
people  
died.



Most of the  
books were  
destroyed  
due to fire  
and water  
damage.

But...

Conspired  
in the  
massacre...

This is the  
history  
Shibasaki  
was talking  
about.



How  
is  
it...

Kazuichi  
Inamine,  
the commander  
of the Kanto  
Library Base,  
was one of the  
key people who  
helped organize  
the Library  
Forces.

I didn't  
know.

He was head  
librarian of the  
Hino Public  
Library at the  
time of the raid.

After  
every-  
thing  
he's  
dealt  
with...

He was the  
only survivor.  
His wife was killed  
and his injuries led  
to him being confined  
to a wheelchair.



...always  
has a gentle  
smile on his  
face.



The  
Commander  
Inamine  
I know...



He lost his  
wife during  
the raid...?

How...

How  
can  
he...





YOU'RE  
WITH  
THE  
POLICE.

TO WHAT  
DO I  
OWE THE  
PLEASURE?



LET'S  
CUT TO  
THE  
CHASE.



How can  
he smile  
like that?

EXCUSE  
ME,  
SIR.





Friends of mine  
planned a surprise  
party for me to  
celebrate the  
publication of the  
first volume.

A couple of them  
took me out and  
brought me to a  
place filled with  
lots of other  
people waiting  
for me.  
They had me  
totally fooled!

There was this  
huge cake!  
(I wish I could  
show it to you...)  
It was delightful.  
Later, the same  
friends surprised  
me with  
another present.  
They're a  
lot of fun.  
It's nice to have  
friends like them.

Thank you  
for always being  
there for me.



WE'LL  
NEED ACCESS  
TO ALL HIS  
LIBRARY  
RECORDS.

AS YOU  
MUST KNOW,  
THE SUSPECT  
IN THOSE  
RECENT  
MURDERS  
HAS BEEN  
ARRESTED.



WE WERE  
HOPING YOU  
COULD HELP  
US.

HE IS  
EXERCISING  
HIS RIGHT  
TO STAY  
SILENT.



WHAT  
...?



SORRY,  
BUT I  
CAN'T.



OBVIOUSLY  
THAT BOY IS  
DEEPLY TROUBLED.  
I WILL DO  
EVERYTHING  
IN MY POWER  
AS A CITIZEN TO  
HELP YOU.



IT'S  
FOR THE  
PUBLIC  
GOOD.

HE KILLED  
THREE  
WOMEN.  
PEOPLE  
ARE VERY  
ANGRY.



BUT  
WHY?

**THE LIBRARY FREEDOM ACT: ARTICLE 32**



... WE HAVE  
TO PROTECT  
USER  
PRIVACY.  
IT'S OUR  
SWORN  
DUTY.

YOU  
MUST  
UNDER-  
STAND...

**LIBRARIES GUARANTEE THE  
PRIVACY OF THEIR PATRONS.**



BUT...

IT'S THE  
RIGHT  
THING  
TO DO!



SO YOU'RE  
IMPLYING THAT  
CRIMINALS DON'T  
DESERVE TO BE  
PROTECTED BY  
THE LAW?

THAT THE RULES  
OUGHT TO BE  
COMPROMISED ON  
A CASE-BY-CASE  
BASIS?

WHAT  
IS  
WITH  
THAT  
GLY?!

AND AS  
POLICE,  
YOU CERTAINLY  
SHOULDN'T  
BE TRYING TO  
CIRCUMVENT IT.

WE HAVE AN  
OBLIGATION  
TO UPHOLD  
THE LAW.  
THE LIBRARY  
IS BUILT  
UPON IT.

I didn't  
mean.

Yes, we broke the law by turning our backs on the libraries when the Hino Nightmare occurred.

What do you mean, Detective?

That man was absolutely right...

Who are we to criticize him?

TIME FOR THE MORNING NEWS.

I WAS FOOLED BY HIS FACE. THAT'S ONE TOUGH MAN UP THERE.

"BREAK THE LAW AND GIVE US THE INFO."

WE WERE TRYING TO CON HIM INTO DOING THE DIRTY WORK. WE CAN'T BLAME HIM.

I DIDN'T COME HERE EXPECTING TO WIN.

WILD NIGHT



THERE IS  
NATIONWIDE  
RAGE OVER  
THE  
LIBRARY'S  
DECISION.

THE LIBRARY  
HAS REFUSED  
TO COOPERATE  
WITH THE  
POLICE  
INVESTIGATION  
OF THE SERIAL  
KILLER.



"THE  
LIBRARY  
DEFENDED  
THE  
SUSPECT."

W  
H  
A  
T  
?!

"COULD  
THIS  
BE TO  
PAY BACK  
THE  
POLICE  
...?"

LOOK AT  
TODAY'S  
PAPERS.  
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
THIS  
NON-  
SENSE!

Library Defies  
Police Investigation

NEWS  
REPORTER

Library  
Defends  
Murder  
Suspect

LAWS FOR LIBRARIES  
FAVOR CRIMINALS

DAILY  
NEWS





I SUPPORT THE  
COMMANDER'S  
DECISION NO  
MATTER WHAT  
THEY SAY.

HOLD  
YOUR  
HEAD  
UP  
HIGH.



THE  
LIBRARY  
IS UPHOLDING  
THE LAW,  
THAT'S  
ALL.



Then...

I hit  
me.

The reason  
for the  
peaceful  
look on the  
Commander's  
face.



That's  
all the  
more  
reason...

RRRIIP



THESE  
ARE  
LIBRARY  
COPIES!

WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
DONE,  
IDIOT?

What  
You I  
know?

ACCIDENT



...for  
me...



GET A  
NEW  
COPY!

RUN  
TO A  
CONVENIENCE  
STORE!!

You  
got it...



And  
then.

He  
has  
faith.

I know  
he does.

He's a  
fighter.

He stands  
up for  
what he  
believes in.



The media's  
response is  
so wrong!

They have no  
idea what this  
great man  
stands for.



YEAH.

HE WANTS  
TO GO OUT  
WITH HER.



SHE'S SO  
VOLATILE.



WHA...

...ARE  
CONCERNED  
BECAUSE IT'S  
KASAHARA?



I DON'T  
CARE  
WHO  
YOU  
DATE.

BUT I  
DON'T LIKE  
GUYS WHO  
PLAY GAMES  
WITH A  
GIRL'S  
HEART.

...  
IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER.





Of course.  
The news  
wants to  
lynch  
us...!

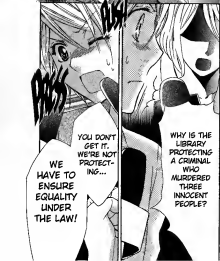
WAIT...  
I'M  
AFRAID I  
CAN'T...

GIVE  
US A  
MINUTE!

The  
press...!



IT'S A  
CIRCUS  
OUTSIDE  
THE BASE  
RIGHT  
NOW.



WE  
HAVE TO  
ENSURE  
EQUALITY  
UNDER  
THE LAW!

YOU DON'T  
GET IT.  
WE'RE NOT  
PROTECT-  
ING...

WHY IS THE  
LIBRARY  
PROTECTING  
A CRIMINAL  
WHO  
MURDERED  
THREE  
INNOCENT  
PEOPLE?



CAN  
YOU TALK  
WITH US  
FOR A  
MINUTE?!

DO YOU  
WORK  
AT THE  
LIBRARY?

?!

What?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?  
YOU FEEL  
NOTHING FOR  
THE THREE  
WOMEN  
DEAD AT YOUR  
AGE?

BUT DOES  
THE RIGHT  
TO PRIVACY  
EXTEND TO  
THE WORST  
CRIMINAL  
OFFENDERS?

What kind  
of question  
is that?!  
How could  
I not feel  
anything?!

papers  
not placed

How  
do  
you  
feel?

*Of  
course  
I feel for  
them!!*

HOLD  
YOUR  
HEAD UP  
HIGH.

SOME THINK  
THE LIBRARY'S  
REFUSAL IS  
COMMANDER  
INAWINE'S WAY  
OF GETTING  
BACK AT THE  
POLICE.  
IS THAT  
TRUE?

If I snap,  
they'll  
report all  
sorts of bad  
things.

Any  
other  
books  
placed?

PLEASE  
LET ME  
THROUGH.

OUR PR  
DEPART-  
MENT WILL  
ANSWER  
YOUR  
QUESTIONS.

Are  
you  
reading  
anything?

Yes...!





AND  
YOU'RE  
FOLLOWING  
ORDERS...

...FROM  
A MAN  
WHO CAN'T  
KEEP HIS  
PERSONAL  
BUSINESS  
SEPARATE  
FROM  
WORK?!

Control  
yourself,  
Iku.

It will  
reflect  
badly...

COMMANDER  
INAMINE  
WAS A  
VICTIM OF  
THE HINO  
NIGHT-  
MARE.

NATURALLY  
HE HOLDS  
A GRUDGE  
AGAINST THE  
POLICE THAT  
FAILED HIM!

...on  
the  
library.



1st

1st

IKU SH-  
!!!



GOOD  
GIRL.  
NOT A  
WORD.





OUR PR  
DEPARTMENT  
WILL ANSWER  
YOUR  
QUESTIONS.

Instructor  
Dojo.

LET US  
THROUGH.

**CRASH**

DON'T  
RUN  
AND  
HIDE.

ANSWER  
US.

PLEASE  
TALK TO  
THE PR  
DEPART-  
MENT!

**SLAM**



I'LL  
GET IT  
MYSELF.

THAT'S  
OKAY.

...BUY THE  
PAPER.

I DIDN'T  
GET TO...



I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
I'D HAVE  
DONE IF YOU  
HADN'T  
SHOWN UP.

ANYWAY.

They don't  
know your  
last name!  
You never  
know what  
they'd  
do with  
it!

I DIDN'T  
HAVE A  
CHOICE.

OH.

I WAS  
SURPRISED  
WHEN YOU  
USED MY  
FIRST NAME.



I'D  
RATHER  
SAY...

...YOU'RE  
AN HONEST  
PERSON.



I WAS  
THIS  
CLOSE  
TO YELLING  
AT THEM.

"shut up" or  
"plus ça change"

I'M  
SORRY.  
I'VE GOT  
A BAD  
TEMPER.





Why?



He's always  
so nice to  
me when  
the chips  
are down.



I always  
cause  
trouble.

He never  
gives up  
on me.



I'm  
so  
stupid.









GO  
AHEAD.  
YOU  
CAN CRY  
ON MY  
SHOULDER.



UH...

SNIFF



SNIFF

NOH...

...





UWAAAH

AAHH...

SNIFFLE

UWAAAH

Instructor  
or  
Dojo...

SOME  
THINGS  
CAN'T BE  
HELPED.



It was  
nice to  
know...

And  
that we  
shouldn't  
despair,  
because  
some of  
the press  
are still  
on our  
side.

...how  
going  
against  
the gov-  
ernment  
puts you  
under  
severe  
scrutiny.

...was  
trying  
to teach  
me...

...



...that  
he was  
trying to  
comfort  
me.



Tears  
kept  
welling  
up.





JEALOUS  
OF WHO?

HAHA?

DO I...  
LOOK  
JEALOUS?

ABSOLUTELY  
YOU  
SURE  
DO.

Huh?!

Sorry  
I don't know  
what you're  
talking  
about.

ABSOLUTELY

INSTRUCTOR  
DOJO.



YOU  
LOOK  
FINE  
NOW.



I'M...

...SO  
SORRY?

DON'T  
WORRY.  
IT'S JUST  
A LITTLE  
WET.

LET'S  
GET  
BACK  
TO THE  
OFFICE.

**TAP**

**TAP**

He's got  
it too.

Unshakable  
faith...

I didn't  
want to  
see it  
before,  
but...

GRIT

That is why  
he carries  
himself with  
such dignity.

**TAP**

**TAP**

There is  
someone  
else...



The broad  
shoulders...

...I want  
to catch  
up to...

...someday.

## Secret Admirer

You can find me  
in some of the  
backgrounds.  
Feel free to look!

Chapter 3 is  
a sore butt



Hello, all.  
My name  
is Maburo  
Aghiga.  
I'm a  
member of  
the Task  
Force.

Truth be told, I'm a leg man. It escaped my notice  
at first, but Kazuhara, the newbie, is rather leggy.  
I bet she has great legs. Actually, when you look  
really hard, you'll see that she can definitely be  
described as "cute." Well, she's a tough cookie.

A female TF member

time to find a

Maybe I have a

wouldn't have had

boyfriend yet

chance with her!



Or  
not



## CHAPTER 9



I was  
so mad.

...and  
realized how  
broad his  
shoulders  
were.

I cried  
and  
cried...

But things  
went back to  
normal almost  
too easily.

Sharing.



Delicious +

5.

# Board of Education Supports Library

## As Criticism Mounts



SON  
OF A...

WHAT IS  
THIS...?

**THEY  
WERE IN  
CAHOOTS  
WITH THE  
MBC....!**

**WHY  
IS THE  
BOARD  
ON OUR  
SIDE?!**



I'm sick of taking care of you.

WHEE  
HOOE  
MUFFLE  
MUFFLE  
MUFFLE

Well,  
IT'S A  
MATTER OF  
MUTUAL  
INTEREST...

...BETWEEN  
THE LIBRARY  
AND THE  
BOARD OF  
EDUCATION.



WE  
HAVEN'T  
GOT PROOF  
THAT THEY  
WERE  
IN ON IT  
TOGETHER.

**MORON!**



BUT  
ULTIMATELY  
THEY WANT  
THE SAME  
THING...  
PRIVACY.

THEIR  
MOTIVATIONS  
ARE  
COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT...  
BUT...



LIBRARY FREEDOM  
ACT, ARTICLE 38...  
LIBRARIES GUARANTEE  
THE PRIVACY OF  
THEIR PATRONS.

THE  
LIBRARY  
HAS TO  
FOLLOW  
THE  
RULES.

It's better  
off without the  
reality of him  
checking out  
books at a  
graphic culture  
booming public.

AND THE BOARD  
WANTS TO HELP  
THE BOY, WHOSE  
FATHER IS A  
PRINCIPAL OF A  
HIGH SCHOOL.





BACK  
STRAIGHT,  
CHIN  
UP!

YES,  
SIR!

KEEP  
YOUR  
EYES  
ON THE  
TARGET!

SIR.



He  
doesn't  
look  
rattled  
at all.

**BAM**

Now I  
know...

If I  
keep  
letting  
these  
things  
get to  
me...

Instructor  
Dojo...

YOUR  
AIM IS  
TOTALLY  
OFF.

FOCUS!



Good.  
You're  
getting  
better.

Yes,  
sir.

...or  
Dojo.

...I will  
never be  
able to  
catch up  
to my  
hero...



THE  
PHONES  
HAVE BEEN  
RINGING  
OFF THE  
HOOK.

BUT NOT  
TODAY.  
NOT ANY-  
MORE.



... TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE COMMANDER.

WELL, AT LEAST THE TEMP WON'T BE SNEAKING AROUND ANYMORE...

One last thing to worry about...

Long time no see. It's the temp.

I really panicked for a moment!

IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU EITHER?

WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY?



You and Tezuka!



WITH ALL OTHER MATTERS NOW RESOLVED, WE CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION TO...

It bothers me that those jerks in power manipulate us for their stupid games!



100 FLICKS OF DEATH



It irritates me beyond belief!

HE DIDN'T  
HAVE  
ANYTHING  
TO SAY...

...ABOUT  
YOUR  
ENCOUNTER  
WITH THE  
PRESS?

I GUESS  
HE SAID  
SOME-  
THING...

But...

Out of  
reach

NOH.  
IT'S  
NOT  
LIKE  
THAT...

I'VE BEEN  
CRAZY BUSY  
AND HAVEN'T  
REALLY  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT IT.

MUMBLE  
MUMBLE

THAT  
POOR BOY  
IS WAITING  
PATIENTLY  
FOR YOUR  
REPLY.

Uh.

BLUB  
BLUB  
BLUB  
BLUB

DON'T TELL  
ME YOU'VE  
FORGOTTEN  
ABOUT IT?





WHADDYA MEAN?

Don't speak up to me!

WELL, SINCE I HAVE ASKED YOU OUT...

Just helping get the book for you



I SHOULD HAVE HELPED YOU...

...THIS MORNING.



Thanks for the book.

Don't worry about that!

Oh that?



...TO SAVE YOU!

DM

EEK

INSTRUCTOR DOJIO RUSHED OUT OF THE OFFICE AT FULL SPEED...



SO, I'M NOT JEALOUS OF YOU.

THAT WAS BECAUSE HE ANTICIPATED THE MESS YOU WERE ABOUT TO CREATE.

I'LL NEVER STOOP TO THAT LEVEL. NEVER.



This volume has many of my favorite moments in it, so it was a lot of fun to work on. I hope it showed

Thank you for  
writing to me,  
everyone!  
I'm sorry I can't  
respond to all  
letters, but I read  
them all.

It's nice to know that people enjoy the series in lots of different ways.

Please see the  
end of the book  
for some  
special thanks!



He doesn't sound like someone who has a thing for me. He sounds like...



IS IT TRUE  
THAT YOU THREW  
YOURSELF INTO HIS  
UNDERSTANDING  
ARMS,  
CRUSHING HIM IN A  
HEARTFELT EMBRACE,  
WHILE SOBBING  
EVER SO  
HONESTLY?



**EVERYONE'S  
TALKING  
ABOUT IT.**

OH, MY BAD.  
HE PULLED  
YOU INTO  
HIS UNDER-  
STANDING  
ARMS.  
NOT THE  
OTHER WAY  
AROUND.





SO YOU AND INSTRUCTOR DOJO, HUH?

I guess  
it looked  
like we  
were...!

DOJO AND IKU

PASSIONATE EMBRACE



YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT?

HE  
TOTALLY  
BLEW ME  
OFF.



I'M  
GOING  
BACK  
TO THE  
ROOM.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU?

What?

Blew  
her  
off?

She asked  
him out,  
and he  
turned her  
down?

What  
did  
she  
just  
say...?

I'M...

...STAYING.

Why?

What  
man  
says no  
to that?

**SHE IS  
GORGEOUS!**  
Unbelievable.

OHAYO.

SEE  
YOU  
LATER.

When  
did it  
happen?  
And...

Why,  
Dojo?

But  
why?



OH.



HM.



He sure  
picks a  
funny time  
to show  
up...

GOOD  
EVENING,  
GIRL.

WOMEN'S BATHS



YES.

YOU  
JUST HAD  
A BATH?

MEN'S BATHS



Ooh!  
♥

THERE  
THEY  
ARE...!



Hey  
LOOK!  
LOOK!



TRAVELING THE  
SAME DIRECTION

Don't  
catch a  
cold

I  
shopped  
for  
too  
long

No way  
I can talk  
to him.



SORRY.

He's sensitive to this kind of stuff.

Damn it.

IT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT STORY FOR A GIRL. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN WITH ME...

...YOU CAN KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

ABOUT WHAT?

**TMP**

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

IT'LL BLOW OVER SOON. IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME, BUT...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO...

?



**TMP TMP TMP TMP**



HA!

OH  
?!

GRUDGE  
IT'S VERY  
FUNNY...  
THE WAY  
YOU GET  
MAD...!



I WASN'T  
TRYING TO  
ENTER-  
TAIN  
YOU!



RIGHT,  
THAT'S THE  
SCARY THING  
ABOUT YOU.

What's  
so funny?!



GRUDGE  
COMMANDER  
INAMINE  
IS SUCH A  
HARD-ASS.



...APOL-  
OGIZE  
FOR  
THAT!

NOT  
A BIT!



WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH AN  
OFFICER  
LOOKING  
OUT FOR HIS  
SUBORDI-  
NATES?



YEAH,  
EVERY-  
BODY IS  
SAYING  
THAT.

THE  
BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
BAILED US  
OUT THIS  
TIME.

BUT  
WE STILL  
HAVE TO  
DEAL WITH  
THE COM-  
PLAINTS.

WHAT IS  
THERE TO  
GAIN BY  
STUBBORNLY  
STICKING TO  
THE RULES?  
TO DEFEND A  
MURDERER?  
HE DOESN'T  
DESERVE IT!

WHY  
CAN'T HE  
JUST YIELD  
TO PUBLIC  
OPINION?





**KASA-  
HARA!**

**KASA-  
HARA!**

**DON'T.**



DON'T.



THERE  
ARE TWO  
KINDS OF  
PEOPLE  
IN THE  
FORCE.

THOSE  
WHO  
RESPECT  
THE LAW  
AND THOSE  
WHO DON'T.

I DIDN'T KNOW  
THERE WERE  
DISGRUNTLED  
PEOPLE WITHIN  
OUR OWN  
BASE.

It's a  
surprise.



WE SEEK  
AUTONOMY  
FOR THE  
LIBRARIES BY  
COMPLYING  
WITH THE  
LAW.

BUT SOME  
PEOPLE  
WOULD  
RATHER PUT  
US UNDER  
NATIONAL  
CONTROL.

US AND  
THEM.  
WE'RE  
INCOMPAT-  
IBLE...



IT'S  
NOT  
WORTH  
IT.

SO DON'T  
LISTEN TO  
EVERYTHING  
THEY SAY.



THIS IS  
PATHETIC  
...



AND NOW  
THIS.

I BLEW  
UP AT THE  
PRESS  
NOT LONG  
AGO.

OH  
GOD.

YOU  
SHOULD  
BE.

BRUSH

When  
will I  
grow  
up?

I never  
learn.

IF  
YOU CAN,  
FIX IT.  
IF YOU CAN'T,  
FIX IT  
ANYWAY.

YOUR  
TEMPER  
IS A LI-  
ABILITY.

I just  
washed  
my hair!

W-  
wait!

BUT...

I'M...

...SORRY,  
SIR.

How  
long will  
I keep  
this up?

Do I  
deserve  
to try  
to catch  
up to his  
broad  
shoulders?

...was the  
first time that  
Instructor  
Dojo...

FLOOF  
FLOOF  
FLOOF

STAY MAD,  
JUST DON'T  
EXPRESS  
IT SO OPENLY!

No more  
blowing your top

The  
hair-pull  
the hair  
drying, the  
blowing-  
all for  
nothing!

...told me it  
was okay to  
be *me*.

IT  
SEEMS...

YOUR  
HONESTY  
AND  
SENSE OF  
JUSTICE.

THEY'LL  
BECOME  
YOUR  
STRENGTH  
IN THE  
FUTURE!

WHAT  
I'M  
TRYING  
TO SAY  
IS...

That...

WELL...



I GUESS  
I PUT YOU  
IN A TOUGH  
SITUATION.

...THE  
MEDIA  
HAS  
SETTLED  
DOWN.



LOOKS  
LIKE IT.



I BELIEVE  
WE SENT  
A CLEAR  
MESSAGE BY  
STICKING TO  
THE LAW AS  
WRITTEN.



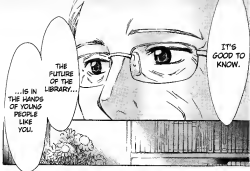
IT'S  
ALWAYS  
EASY TO  
BEND THE  
RULES...  
BUT...



THEY'VE  
MOVED ON TO  
THE NEXT  
ISSUE...  
WHETHER  
MINORS  
SHOULD BE  
PROTECTED  
BY THE  
SAME  
POLICIES.



WE, THE  
CITIZENS WHO  
CARE ABOUT  
THE LAW,  
SUPPORT  
YOUR DECISION,  
RR!



...IS IN  
THE HANDS  
OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE  
LIKE YOU.

THE  
FUTURE  
OF THE  
LIBRARY...

IT'S  
GOOD TO  
KNOW.



With all other  
matters now  
resolved,  
we can turn our  
attention to...

I CAN'T  
GO OUT  
WITH  
YOU.



666?

I DON'T  
HEAR A  
DENIAL.



WHY  
NOT  
?!!

WHY  
NOT?

YOU  
DON'T  
EVEN  
LIKE ME!  
HOW  
ABOUT  
THAT  
FOR A  
REASON!



CLANK

WHY DID  
YOU ASK  
ME OUT IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE?  
WHAT  
GAVE YOU  
THE IDEA?!



I  
THOUGHT,  
WHY  
NOT?

INSTRUCTOR  
DOJIO AND  
INSTRUCTOR  
KOMAKI AND  
CAPTAIN GENDA  
ALL WANTED  
US TO GET  
ALONG.





At that  
moment...

It  
was a  
shock.

*LOOK,  
YOU AND  
I BOTH  
KNOW THIS  
ISN'T YOUR  
STRONG  
SUIT!*

...  
I realized  
she  
already  
knew my  
weak-  
ness...

Until  
then...



**I BEG  
YOUR  
PARDON  
?!!**

You look  
horrible...

In  
truth...

...that  
was  
not the  
only  
reason.

That's  
your  
reason  
...?

You're  
an  
idiot!



You just  
wanted to  
suck  
up!

What a  
surprise!



Even when I  
ripped on her  
for screwing  
up her duties.

...she'd never  
mentioned it.



There  
could be  
something  
to learn  
from her.

At the  
same  
time it  
made  
me  
curious.

I felt I  
owed her  
something...  
respect.



That's  
just  
great.

How stupid  
was I to  
take you  
seriously?

**She  
doesn't  
want to  
hear it.**

*quitting like  
a baby*

**So...  
I was  
being  
serious  
when I  
asked  
her out.**

WHOA!  
HOW  
NICE FOR  
YOU!

Unbelievable!

THAT'S A  
POLITE WAY  
OF SAYING  
NO.

EVER  
HEAR THE  
PHRASE  
"LET'S  
JUST BE  
FRIENDS"?

I guess  
that's not  
your case,  
Mr. Perfect.  
Yeah, right.  
Leave me  
alone.

Yeah, right.  
I've only been  
on the receiving  
end of that  
phrase.

HEH  
HEH.

...

HA  
HA HA  
HA!

SHOCKER  
AH  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA!

?!  
YEAH.  
I GUESS  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

HA HA



heh  
heh

....!

I know  
we are  
both trying  
to reach  
the same  
shoulders.

**YOU'D BE  
TERRIFIC  
AS A  
FRIEND!**

**WE'RE  
NOT  
FRIENDS,  
JERK!**

**DON'T  
LAUGH  
!!!**

My  
domech  
haha

I guess  
we have  
some-  
thing in  
common  
after all.

**I'm not  
going to  
admit it to  
him just  
yet.**

Our  
differences  
have yet to  
be resolved.

**THAT'S A  
LAUGH  
HE'S JUST  
A PRIDE,  
NOTHING  
MORE!  
I ASPIRE TO  
SO MUCH  
MORE!**

**ALL SHE CAN  
DO IS DENY.**

**YOU LOOK  
UP TO  
INSTRUC-  
TOR GOJO,  
DON'T YOU?**

**STUDENT  
SHOOTER**

**LIBRARY WARS LOVE & WAR VOL 2 / THE END**

☆ BONUS MANGA 1 ☆

Soon  
the con-  
versation  
became  
heated.

For the  
first time,  
we had an  
open and  
honest talk  
with each  
other.

OH, SHUT IT!  
I'LL BECOME  
SO MUCH MORE!  
YOU'LL NEVER  
GET THERE!!

A PHASE?  
WHO DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU ARE?  
YOU'LL NEVER  
GET TO WHERE  
HE IS!

**GRRR**

HE'S  
NOT  
JUST  
TALK.

INSTRUCTOR  
DOJO HAS  
A LONG LIST  
OF GREAT  
ACHIEVEMENTS  
UNDER HIS  
BELT.

YOU  
JUST  
SIMPLY  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
HIM.

MORE  
THAN  
YOU'LL  
EVER  
KNOW!

YEAH.  
HE'S  
NOT  
JUST  
TALK.

I KNOW  
THAT  
TOO.

**GRRR**

**AA**



THERE ARE THINGS THAT BECOME CLEAR ONLY AFTER YOU MAKE MISTAKES.



HE JUST CLEANS UP AFTER YOU. HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU AN EXPERT?



THAT'S TAKING FAIRNESS OUT OF THE DEBATE!

YOU'RE GOING TO BRING BOYS' CLUB PLAYTIME INTO THIS?!

My oh my, that info can put it away

OKAY, THEN. CONSIDER THIS. HAVE YOU EVER SPENT ALL NIGHT DRINKING WITH HIM?!

And in his room, at that!

You're joking!



I don't know if it's reached his ear though...

GUARD

RUMORS

...slapped a new nickname on our team:

**The Dojo Fan Club.**

Other clerks who happened to be in the cafeteria...

RUMORS

☆BONUS MANGA 2☆

He told  
me off after  
the raid.

And  
things  
kept  
happen-  
ing.

THANK  
YOU VERY  
MUCH.

Here  
it is.

ABOUT THE  
OTHER  
DAY...

Once  
again.

FOR  
WHAT?

YOU  
SAVED  
MY LIFE  
DURING  
THE RAID.

AND  
THERE'S  
MORE...

When I think  
about it,  
I haven't yet  
thanked him  
properly.



# Lots more...

GOOD  
GIRL.  
NOTHING  
WORDS.

EXX  
OOO

GO  
BYE  
I'M  
GOING  
TO  
SLEEP

GO  
AWAY.  
NOW  
CAN YOU  
DO THE  
SCHOOL DANCE



BONUS MANGA / THE END

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★

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★

All the people who have been rooting for me

★

Thank you for  
supporting me!



Thanks, everyone!

Hope to see  
you in the next  
volume

Kline Yumi 3-2-3





## End notes

**Page 7, note: Babanaki**

A card game like Go Fish.

**Page 9, panel 3: Seika 31**

In Japan, years are often identified by eras rather than the Western calendar. For example, 2010 is Heisei 22, or the 22nd year of the reign of the emperor Akihito. Seika is a fictional era name placed in the near future.

**Page 57, side note: Tankabon**

Japanese graphic novel.

**Page 112, panel 1: Kanto**

A region of Japan that includes Tokyo.

**Page 117, panel 4: Hino**

A district in central Tokyo.

**Page 134, panel 1: Agohige**

Agohige means "chin beard" and is a very unusual name.



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